

From Our Pastor

May 3, 2023

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

To be a mother is one of the greatest responsibilities that God could bestow upon a woman. One mother wrote: “Being a mother is truly a remarkable gift and a privilege that I hold very close to my heart. To me, being a mother means to be fearless, to be a positive role model, to be a continuous cheerleader for every milestone my children will experience, to demonstrate the abundance of unconditional love that has no end and to cherish the countless memories that are truly priceless.”

There are many mothers written about throughout the Bible. The one that we want to focus on today is Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Bible says that before and after Jesus was born that Mary pondered a lot of things in her heart. According to verses 19, 33 and 51 Mary kept things in her heart. The word ponder means, “to think or consider especially, quietly, soberly, and deeply.” It means, “To treasure: to hold or keep as precious.” Have you ever stopped to think of what Mary might have kept in her heart as a mother, especially being the mother of Jesus?

First of all, reflection would be at the forefront. How could she not rehearse all the things that happened to her leading up to the birth of Jesus? Can you imagine an angel appearing to you one night and telling you that you are going to birth into this world the Son of God? To think that God chose her out of all the women in the world to birth His son into the world would be something beyond comprehension.

Secondly, verification. The promises made to Mary about this baby were so big that they were hard to believe. You might say that they were easy to doubt, but God gave Mary reasons to believe and verified them in many different ways. Someone said, “Mary probably already had a baby book written before the baby was ever born.” When Mary heard that she would bear the Messiah, surely, she spent so much time thinking about and pondering over all the promises in the Scriptures about the Christ, the Messiah. Every move God made was verification of His power and His love for mankind.

Thirdly, submission. Then came the night in Bethlehem when God stepped down out of heaven and came into this world as the babe of the manger. Everything He said came to fruition in that moment. All the things that she had heard and seen were verified in the coming of the babe of the manger. Mary’s whole connection with these events began with a message from the angel. It must have been like a reminder of the love of God for Mary to know that God was at work fulfilling His promises and she was a main object of that fulfillment. As she walked in submission to God, He laid out His plan for the redemption of mankind.

Moms, think about the privilege God extends to you in being an instrument in His hands to miraculously birth babies into this world. As God uniquely forms and fashions these little ones and then turns around and uses you to bring them into this world. Every baby born is a verification of His great love for us and the ability that He has to give life.

I am so thankful for the mother that God gave to me. What a great lady she was and what an awesome mother she was. I have thanked God a million times over for allowing me the honor and privilege to have the mother that I did. I was truly blessed beyond measure by having a mother that taught me much about the nature of Christ. Little did I know what God was up to in giving me insight into His heart through her. God used my mother to show me much concerning His great love for others and the necessity of sacrificing for others.

Thank you, Lord, for the “remarkable gift and a privilege” that you have given to many ladies. Today we take this opportunity to rise up and call our Mothers, blessed!

Bro. Terry

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	4	5	6  3 p.m. Box Car Derby
7 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Church Council 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	8	9	10 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice/ Fellowship Meal 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service NO PM Services	15	16	17 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	18	19	20
21 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark Closing / Mountain Movers 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	22	23	24 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	25	26	27 .
28 Graduate Recognition 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service NO PM Services	29	30	31 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting			

Nursery for May

1	Lydia Nuckols Bowers	Sun May 7, 2023	
7	Judy Reynolds Karen Riddle	9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Pam Anderson, Dana Wells, Pam Kendrick, & Hannah Shaw
8	Kim Jones Mandi Dolan	Sun May 14, 2023	
9	Debra Reynolds	9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Misty Bishop, Renee Moore, Anna Dunn, & Katie Hammock
10	Robert Hubbard, Jr.		
11	Will Roberts	Sun May 21, 2023	
14	Matthew Anderson Norah Payne	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Mary Claytor, Holly St. John, James & Sylvia Lumpkins
15	Norma Betterton William Tosh	Sun May 28, 2023	
16	Hailey Doss	10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Shelly Lewis, Cassie Gatewood, Donnie & Peggy Moore
17	Nathan Hammock		
19	Samantha Aaron Jessica Marlowe Burgess		
20	Earl Nuckols		
22	Lois Ann Batten Bill Nuckols		
25	Leon Burgess Michael Gatewood		
26	Isabelle Lumpkins Tim Moore		
	Kimberly Matherly Smoot		
27	Ashley Doss Wallace		
29	Wendy Byrd Matthew Falls		
	Ashley Norman		
30	Reba McDaniel		
31	Jessie Henderson		

<u>Greeters</u>	
May 7	Emma Walden & John Moore
May 14	Patsy Conner & Melody Collins
May 21	Mary Moon Moore & James Allen
May 28	Joan Nuckols & Ben Dunn

<u>Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher</u>	
May 7	Adam Burgess*, Adam Lumpkins, Bryan Lewis, Terry Moore
May 14	Kent Bishop*, Chris Falls, Gary Matherly, Dale McFaddin
May 21	Bobby Mullins*, Tommy Jefferson, Drake Easley, Randy Gatewood
May 28	Karle Byrd*, James Lumpkins, Larry Weiss, Roger Walden

**Have a name
you'd like to add
to birthday list?
Let Julie know!**



If your address or phone number has changed, please let Julie know!

2023 Lottie Moon Offering



As a church, you have set a pledge goal of **\$16,145.00**, for the 2023 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of April 30, 2023 we have collected **\$8,073.25**.



The Mission of the Manger

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20

**2023 Lottie
Moon Goal**
\$16,145



Happy May, Hollywood! We off to a great start on our shoebox collection in 2023! We are already planning for and looking forward to our packing party in November.



Every box packed at our packing party includes: an age appropriate wow item (toy, ball, etc.), a stuffed animal, clothing items, school supplies, hygiene items, small toys, games, and accessories. Each year we have a goal of packing between 150-175 boxes at our party, with thousands of items packed. We collect items all year long, with a special focus on a particular item each month.

In January, we asked for donations of winter clothing items (hats, gloves, or scarves, etc.). In March we focused on Quality Crafted Items! As these items take a bit more time than those purchased we haven't hit our goal yet, but have made good progress! In February we blew our goal out of the water! We're looking forward to some gloriously full boxes this year! In April we focused on stuffed animals, because every child needs a friend to cuddle! In May we are focusing on hygiene items (as a reminder toothpaste is no longer allowed in shoeboxes). Please place any donations in the collection box in the foyer near the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please let us know!

January Goal: 142/150 Winter Clothing Items February Goal: 350/150 Accessories

March Goal: 115/150 Quality Crafted Items April Goal: 136/150 Stuffed Animals

May Goal: 150 Toothbrushes 150 Bars of Soap 150 Combs

Hollywood Baptist Church,
 Thank you so much for your generous donation to help hurting people in crisis. We sincerely appreciate your kindness!
 Blessings,
 Vrindar Wells,
 God's Pit Crew Development Team

Hollywood Church Family,
 I would like to say thank you for the beautiful flowers you all sent to me. They really have brightened up my days. I have them sitting where I can see them most of the time. This was such a nice and kind gesture. God bless you all!
 Kathy Gail Oakes

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you so much for the lovely flowers. You have shown so much love to me. May God bless you!
 Love,
 Dorothy Fowlkes

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during the time I have been down with my back. It is getting better but it will be a while before I will be without pain. Some days I feel ok and others I can't hardly walk. Doctor has me on more pills as if I wasn't taking enough.
 Love in Christ,
 Linda Barbour



We will be having our Regular Business Meeting on May 10, at 7:00 p.m. A fellowship meal will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship, and then stay as we discuss the important business that keeps our church running!



Graduate Recognition— We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, May 28. If you or a loved one is graduating and would like to be recognized, please sign up by May 21 on the sign up sheet in the foyer or contact the church office.

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH: MAY

Local Missions Emphasis:

HERITAGE ACADEMY

Grades Pre-K-8

1461 Dry Fork Road

Dry Fork, VA

Ph. - (434) 432-8380



GRACE-A-LOT

Grace-a-Lot receives new & used clothing for all ages, Only *NEW* underwear and socks, personal care items, kitchenware & *SMALL* kitchen appliances. Cash donations always appreciated.



****Hours: Wednesdays & Saturdays – 10:00-12:00**

Emergency situations, such as fire, volunteers can be contacted for assistance.

Volunteers are welcome to help sort & stock items, help on days they are open, to serve on the board, and/or help w/ fundraising.

Contact Linette Nuckols or Emma Walden w/ any questions.



Happy May Ladies!

Welcome to HBC's Daughters of Hope Women's Ministry. We are here to provide encouragement & fellowship as we grow in relationship with God.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE for LADIES, MEN, FRIENDS & FAMILY!

Ladies, let's stay in God's Word and get those around us in it, too.

Together, let's read God's Word...**EVERY DAY IN THE MONTH OF MAY!**

1. You can follow our Scripture Writing Plan "True Beauty"
2. You can follow our Chronological Reading Plan.
3. You can read the Psalms or any book(s) of your choice.

Just READ. Keep track on the Challenge Calendar provided in both our foyers and turn it in at the end of the month. IF YOU MISS A DAY, DON'T STOP! START AGAIN THE NEXT DAY. KEEP GOING!

See what a difference God's Word can make!

Isaiah 55: 10-11 "As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater – so is My Word that goes forth from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty; but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

UPCOMING EVENTS (Dates & Time to be announced)

**BIBLE STUDY (in person)*

**BINGO NIGHT*

If you have any questions, please contact Paige Conner or Blair Lumpkins.

We would love to have you join us on Facebook at HBC Daughters of Hope!



True Beauty

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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| Day 1: 1 Samuel 16:7 | Day 17: Isaiah 62:3-4 |
| Day 2: Psalm 21:5-6 | Day 18: Ezekiel 16:13-16 |
| Day 3: Psalm 27:4-5 | Day 19: Hosea 14:4-7 |
| Day 4: Psalm 45:1-3 | Day 20: Matthew 6:28-30 |
| Day 5: Psalm 50:1-2 | Day 21: Matthew 23:27-28 |
| Day 6: Psalm 96:4-6 | Day 22: Acts 9:36 |
| Day 7: Psalm 104:1-2 | Day 23: Romans 10:14-15 |
| Day 8: Proverbs 11:22 | Day 24: 2 Corinthians 5:11-12 |
| Day 9: Proverbs 20:29 | Day 25: Ephesians 5:25-27 |
| Day 10: Proverbs 31:29-31 | Day 26: Philippians 4:8 |
| Day 11: Ecclesiastes 3:11 | Day 27: 1 Timothy 2:8-10 |
| Day 12: Song of Sol. 2:1-2 | Day 28: Hebrews 1:1-3 |
| Day 13: Isaiah 28:5-6 | Day 29: 1 Peter 1:18-19 |
| Day 14: Isaiah 52:7 | Day 30: 1 Peter 3:3-4 |
| Day 15: Isaiah 53:1-3 | Day 31: Revelation 21:1-3 |
| Day 16: Isaiah 61:10-11 | |

This writing plan can be used any month, hence the 31 days. Write each day's Scriptures in a notebook or our Faith Journal. Feel free to underline important words, read them aloud, or use these Scriptures as a springboard for your prayers.



Children's Church Update

May 2023

Wow! The year is flying by and we are already into May! No matter how fast things seem to be moving, some things are constant-- God loves us, Jesus died for us and rose again, and our pastor will preach the Word of God to us each week. Where Children's Church fits it with all that is that we too meet each week and try to present God's word to the children of the church and our community in a format that even the youngest kids can understand, through Bible lessons, skits, crafts, songs, etc.

We averaged 23 children for the month of April, and had six new visitors who had never attended before.

As usual, a big thank you to each and every one of our leaders and youth who continually step forward to help. We could not have this ministry without these volunteers. Please pray that this ministry will be effective in reaching every child with the love of Christ.

If anyone is interested in helping out, please let me know, and I will work you into the schedule. My name is Wendy Byrd and my number is 434-724-4095. If you would just like to come and observe before you decide to commit, that is fine also.

The unit we are working through now is called, "Angry Words". The memory work is James 1:19b, and The Lord's Prayer. Please make time to go over these with your child.

James 1:19b "...Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry."

(I think we all can use that reminder, no matter how old we are.)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

Leaders for May

May 7, 2023 Missions Sunday

May 14, 2023 Stephanie Weiss Paige Conner and Ann Hope

May 21, 2023 Dana and Mike Wells Logan and Zoey Mills

May 28, 2023 Megan and Dan Rouleau Sherry and Liz Reynolds



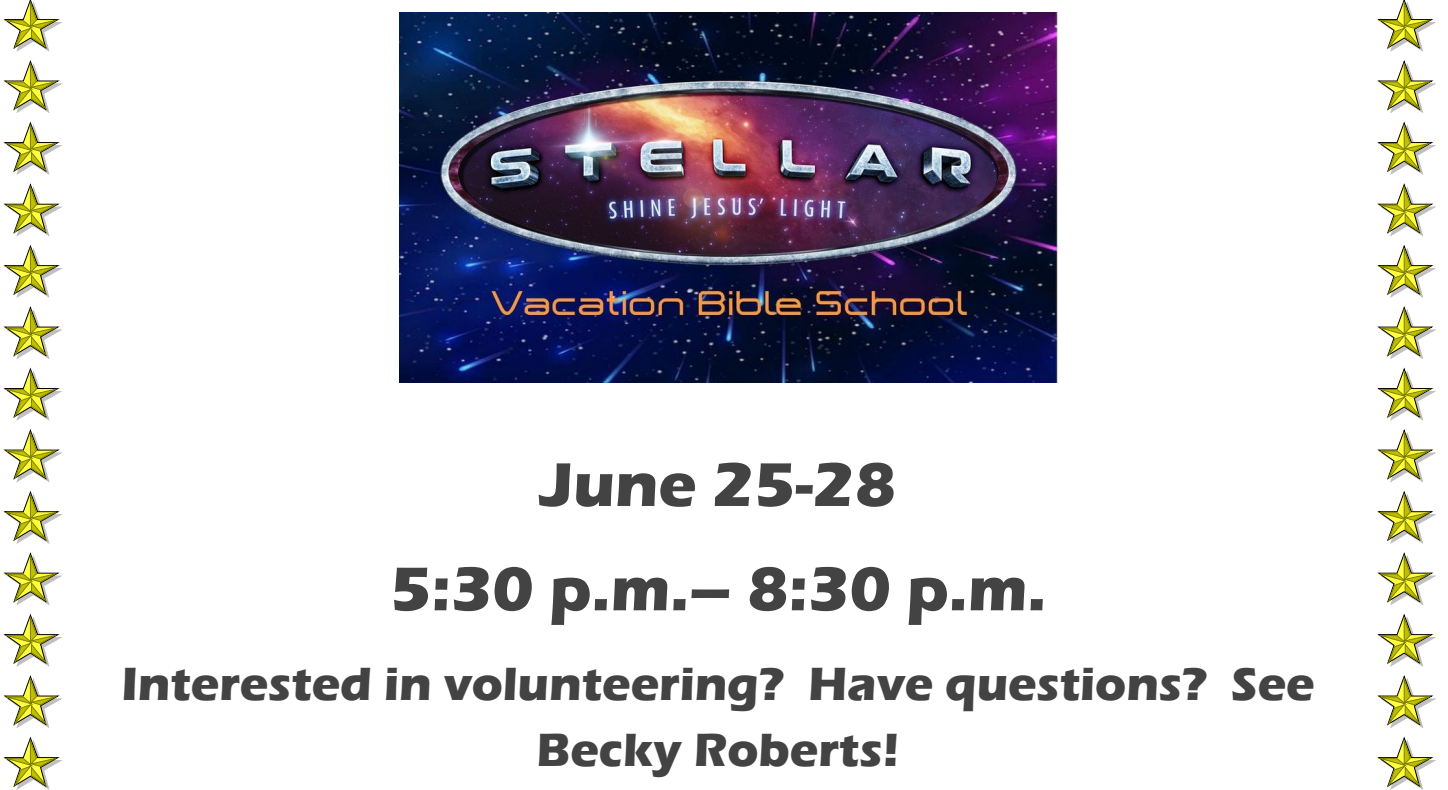
Easter Extravaganza 2023

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our Easter Extravaganza such a huge success. As you can tell by the smiles a great time was had by all! Thank you for celebrating with us!









June 25-28

5:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

**Interested in volunteering? Have questions? See
Becky Roberts!**



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Upcoming Events

June 4	Church Council
June 25-28	VBS